

# THAILAND



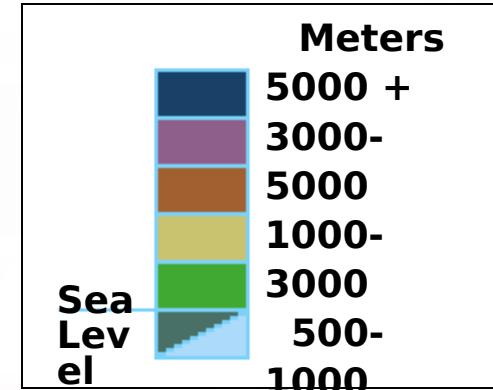
- Industrial Growth
- Environmental Challenges



# Thailand: Environmental Issues

- Topography
- Climate

Tropical; rainy, warm, cloudy southwest monsoon (mid-May to September); dry, cool northeast monsoon (November to mid-March); southern isthmus always hot and humid



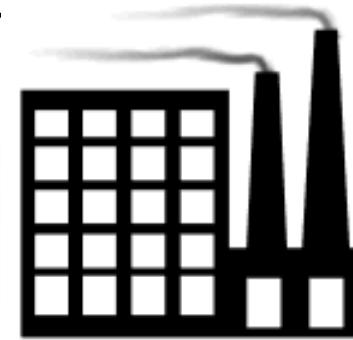
Terrain: central plain; Korat Plateau in the east; mountains elsewhere Elevation extremes:

**lowest point:** Gulf of Thailand 0 ft

**highest point:** Doi Inthanon 8,500 ft

# Thailand: Environmental Issues

- Industries
  - Poor enforcement of environmental laws
- Air
  - Contamination from cars, industry, construction and open air burning
- Food
  - Contamination with fecal pathogens
- Soil
  - Localized contamination from industrial waste
- Water
  - Contamination from untreated domestic and industrial wastes



# THAILAND “SNAPSHOT”

- Environmental Health Risks

- Contaminated food and water
- High heat and humidity
- Natural disasters
- Localized air pollution

- Infectious Diseases

- Dengue fever
- Diarrhea
- Hepatitis A and B
- Japanese encephalitis
- Leptospirosis
- Malaria
- Rabies